

Meeting Notes
Quality Metrics Subcommittee
December 14, 2011

Members present- **Paula Block**, CHC-Montana Primary Care Association; **Dr. Doug Carr**, Billings Clinic; **Dr. Janice Gomersall**, Montana Academy of Family Physicians; **Dr. Jonathan Griffin**, St. Peter's Medical Group; **Marie Hamilton**, Bozeman Deaconess; **Carol Kelley**, Bozeman Deaconess Internal Medicine Associates; **Dr. Fred Olson**, BCBS MT; **Dr. Bob Shepard**, New West Health Services; **Cindy Stergar**, CHC-Butte Silver Bow Primary Care Clinic

Interested parties present- **Kristin Juliar**, Montana Office of Rural Health; **Lisa Wilson**, Parents, Let's Unite for Kids-PLUK; **Dr. Jerry Speer**, Benefis Health System; Will Robinson, NCQA; **Dr. Jay Larson**, Independent Provider; Will Robinson, NCQA.

CSI staff present- Christine Kaufmann, Amanda Roccabruna Eby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Bob Shepard at 1:00 PM.

1. Roll call and review of notes

At the last meeting the subcommittee worked on finalizing the metrics, discussed benchmarks and phases, and discussed beginning discussions with HealthShare MT. The group agreed to adopt the notes from the last meeting.

2. Review substance abuse/ alcohol use measures

Before addressing substance abuse, The Subcommittee discussed the large number of metrics begin developed and how realistic it was for practices to meet all of them. Members agreed practices should start with a subset of the metrics and implement those before phasing in another next set of metrics. Participants would not be required to meet every metric for payment but just the metrics they select as most relevant to them, as long as they reach a minimum set based on NCQA standards. The most difficult issue will be the compatibility with the EMRs. Members agreed that the measures should be around a dozen to make this feasible for practices. The matrix the group has been building will serve as an initial superset.

At the last council meeting a member proposed adding substance abuse and alcohol use to the list of metrics. Initial metrics were presented and discussed and included in the matrix.

3. Finalize QM matrix

Members concluded that it should propose the existing matrix to the full council, which can later consider adding additional metrics for OB, pediatrics, and mental health after figuring out how the technology platform will implement the first set of metrics. The matrix will be used as a broad road map for the future. It should have flexibility to be incorporated into each practice's individual EMR while keeping the goals of PCMH in mind. Dr. Shepard agreed to the matrix

based on the discussion and present it at the next council meeting within the context provided by this discussion

4. Set process for proceeding with HSM on data elements

Members need to begin conversations with both Loren Schrag and Dr. Reiter of HSM about the selected metrics. A group of people from HSM is going to meet with Covisint/DocSite in North Carolina in January and they will have information on the metrics from this council at that time.

5. Next steps for QM Subcommittee

The subcommittee has finished its work. It will reconstitute in January with a focus of implementing the metrics into the data platform and invite anyone from the council or interested parties to join or any current member to drop off before the subcommittee begins discussions with HSM.